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SUBJECT: FY07 SELF HELP REPORT FOR MALI

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11. Summary. The Embassy Self Help Committee used its FY 07 allocation of USD 80,000 to fund 15 projects in the areas of education, health, food production, income generation and economic development. Direct beneficiaries of these projects totaled more than 77,000 people. An estimated 65 percent of these recipients were women and children. Below is a brief description of each funded project, including number of people affected. Eight of these projects have been completed. Seven others are in the final close-out phase. End Summary.

12. Completed projects:

SSH Agreement Number: 688-07-001. Grant Amount: USD 6,000. Funds fully disbursed.

The project built a well for potable water for the community of Kersagourou in the region of Mopti, saving women and children from traveling a longer distance to fetch water. Approximately 480 people benefited. The site has been visited and the project completed and all funds accounted for.

SSH Agreement Number: 688-07-003. Grant Amount: USD 4,059. Funds fully disbursed.

The project improved rice production and fishing yields in Kersagourou in the region of Mopti. Three thousand people benefited. The project has been completed and all funds accounted for.

SSH Agreement Number: 688-07-004. Grant Amount: USD 4,141. Funds fully disbursed.

The project in the village of Nara in Koulikoro region improved a women's community gardening project with fencing and the construction of a well, in addition to providing training. The project increased food yields, allowing the women to sell excess crops, providing additional income. One hundred women and their families benefited from this project. The project has been completed and all funds accounted for.

SSH Agreement number: 688-07-007. Grant Amount: USD 5,800. Funds fully disbursed.

The project provided building materials and a pump for an irrigation dam, as well as training for maintenance. Three thousand people in the community of Karabassane in the region of Gao benefited. The project has been completed and all funds accounted for.

SSH Agreement number: 688-07-009. Grant Amount: USD 6,728. Funds fully disbursed.

The grant provided agricultural tools, seeds, fencing, and irrigation basins. The project benefited the 90 members of a women's co-op in Bancocoro, Koulikoro, by providing cash crops to generate income. The project has been completed and all funds accounted for.

SSH agreement number: 688-07-011. Grant Amount: USD 4,000. Funds fully disbursed.

The project provided gardening tools, equipment, seeds, and fencing materials in the village of Bakorobougou in the region of Segou.

Seventy women and their families benefited from a resulting increase in food production. The project has been completed and all funds accounted for.

SSH Agreement number: 688-07-010. Grant Amount: USD 5,780. Funds fully disbursed.

The project provided supplies for rebuilding a well in Douentza in the region of Gao. The well provides potable water for 500 people and their livestock. The project has been completed and all funds accounted for.

SSH agreement number: 688-07-012. Grant Amount: USD 9,842. Funds fully disbursed.

The project provided a women's co-op with building materials and equipment needed to transform agricultural products including soybeans, mango, ginger and cereal into ready-to-eat food in Bougouni in the region of Sikasso. The project will benefit the 15 members of a women's co-op and the 40,000 inhabitants. The project has been completed and all funds accounted for.

13. Projects in the process of completion:

SSH Agreement Number: 688-07-002. Grant Amount: USD 2,467. Funds fully disbursed.

The project renovates an existing well in the village of Garou-Ley in the region of Mopti. Six hundred people will benefit. The project is monitored by a Peace Corps Volunteer (PCV) on site. The site has been visited and the project will be completed soon, including the final accounting of funds.

SSH Agreement Number: 688-07-005. Grant Amount: USD 6,000. Funds fully disbursed.

The project funded an additional potable water source for the municipal water system in Yirimadio in Bamako. At the completion of the project, an additional 20,000 people will be connected to the city water system. Work is to begin within two weeks. The project is being monitored by a PCV and remains open.

SSH Agreement Number: 688-07-006. Grant Amount: USD 6,000. Funds fully disbursed.

This project entails the building of a maternity clinic in the village of Sikornoi near Bamako. The clinic will provide services to the 50,000 members of the community who normally would have to travel to Bamako for maternal health care. Construction is set to begin in October, after the Malian rainy season. This project is being monitored by a PCV. The status of the project is open until all expenditures have been confirmed.

SSH Agreement number: 688-07-008. Grant Amount: USD 7,142. Funds partially disbursed.

The project provides fencing, motor pump, and agricultural tools to help a women's association increase their gardening productivity by reducing hand labor. The project will benefit 300 women and their families in Tafacirga in the region of Kayes. Of the total grant, USD 4,285.20 has been disbursed with USD 2856.80 remaining. The project is open.

SSH Agreement number: 688-07-013. Grant Amount: USD 4,720. Funds fully disbursed.

The project helped a women's association in Goundam in the region of Timbuktu, purchase a small flour mill. The beneficiaries for this project are the 12,000 people in the area. The project will be complete as soon as expenditures are verified.

SSH Agreement number: 688-07-14. Grant Amount: USD 1,828. Funds fully disbursed.

The funds helped purchase a generator for a grinding machine for the above-mentioned women's association in Goundam in the region of Timbuktu. The project will benefit 12,000 people. The project will be complete as soon as expenditures are verified.

SSH Agreement Number: 688-07-015. Grant Amount: USD 5,493. Funds fully disbursed.

Funds purchased gardening tools, fencing materials, and seeds for a co-op in the village of Toya in the region of Timbuktu. The project will benefit the 67 co-op members and their families. The project will be complete as soon as expenditures are verified.

